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The Garsdon branch of the
Washington family

GARSDON BRANCH
OF THE
WASHINGTON FAMILY.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PARISH OF GARSDON, NORTH WILTS, ENGLAND,
(REBUILT, ALL EXCEPT THE TOWER, IN 1855)

WITHIN WHICH ARE THE GRAVES OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON FAMILY,
WITH MONUMENTS, INSCRIPTIONS, ETC.

TEN TRUTHS

CONCERNING LIFE INSURANCE.

1.—Of the healthy men of the country between the ages of twenty and fifty years *about one per cent. will die this year.*

2.—During the next ten years considerably *over one-tenth of the whole number will die.*

3.—Most people die sooner than they expect to, and before they feel that their life-work is done.

4.—Very few *expect* to leave their families unprovided for, but very many do not leave them as much as they desire.

5.—By life insurance a man can secure, for a small annual outlay, a large sum at his death. Thus his family will be provided for, whether he lives one year or twenty.

6.—Even if a man have property, a large estate but slightly encumbered is often subjected to heavy sacrifices in its settlement. A life policy puts the heirs in possession of ready cash and prevents such sacrifices.

7.—A life insurance policy in a sound company is the safest and best investment a man of small means can make for his family. It is a fortune bought on installments, the burden of payment decreasing as the burden of age and infirmities increases. When death makes it needed, it is payable, and all further payments *for* it cease.

8.—The best business men, the leaders in finance, commerce, trade, and the great productive enterprises of the country, insure. If their sagacity had not discovered, their experience would have taught them the value and importance of life insurance. Too many of their compeers, who formerly were their oft-successful competitors, have succumbed to commercial disaster, leaving their families nothing but their life insurance.

9.—In the eye of the law life insurance is a sacred duty, as its provisions preserve it inviolable from administrators and creditors, who so often eat into and consume an estate. The amount of a life policy is paid direct, by check or draft from the company, to the beneficiary. It is taken out in the name of the beneficiary—hence, is not part of the estate, cannot be touched for the debts of the insured, if reasonable in amount, and is not subject to administration.

10.—To the poor man life insurance offers the only certain method of protecting his family against absolute poverty; to the man of moderate means it offers the only certain method of securing his family a competence; to the rich man it offers a continuance of ample provision for his family in case of disaster, and an increase of available cash at death in case of prosperity. It offers to all indemnity against the loss to which all are exposed by the possibility of early death; it converts the probability of long life, and a small sum of money, into a large sum of money in case of early death.

THE
GARSDON BRANCH
OF
THE WASHINGTON FAMILY.

“NEW-YORK LIFE” EDITION.

From Aubrey's "Collections for Wilts." Garesden, p. 25.

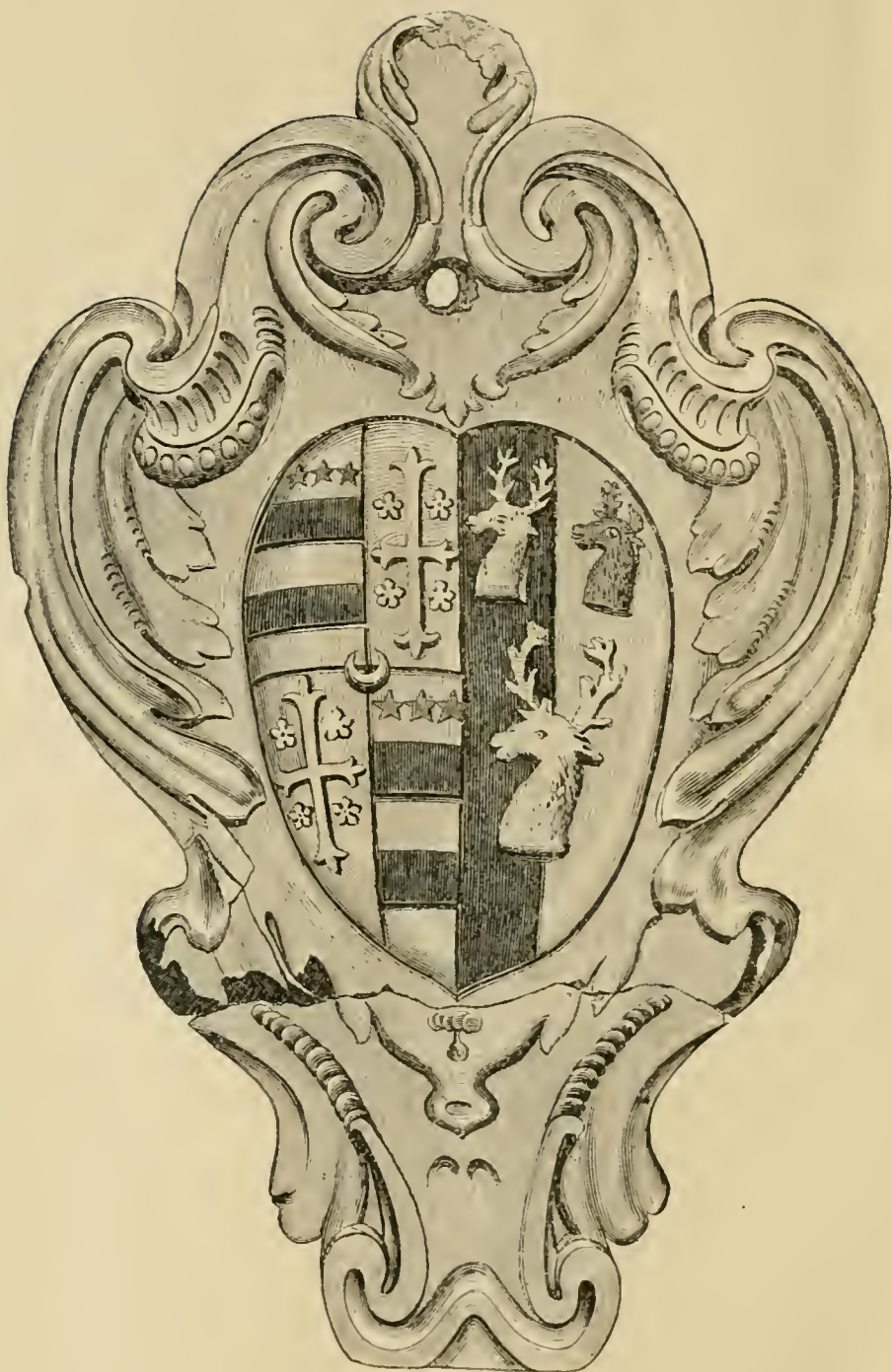
“Mem: That one Moody was footeman to King Henry the Eighth, who, falling from his horse when he was hawking (I think on Harneslow-beath), fell with his head in the mudde, with which, being fat and heavy, he had been suffocated to death, had he not been timely relieved by his footeman Moody; for which service, after the dissolution of the Abbies, he gave him the Manour of Garesden.”

Sir Lawrence Washington purchased the Manor of Garsdon from the Moody family about 1640.



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The above Engraving is from a Photograph of the Coat of Arms which surmounted Sir Lawrence Washington's Mural Monument in Garsdon Church, being a combination of the Washington Arms with that of Anne his Wife, who belonged to the Lewyn family, County Kent.

THE WASHINGTON FAMILY

AND COAT OF ARMS.

SOME NEW AND INTERESTING INFORMATION.

THE circulation, by the New-York Life Insurance Company, of the Washington chart and pamphlet, showing origin of the Stars and Stripes, has awakened much interest in the subject, and has elicited from a policy-holder of the Company in England, Rev. Thomas Sill Gray, D. D., rector of All Saints' Church, Garsdon, information respecting five members of the Washington family who lie buried in the parish church of Garsdon, near Malmesbury, in North Wilts. This information is reprinted herewith, from the text of Rev. Dr. Gray's pamphlet, together with engravings of the Garsdon Church, the ruined Abbey at Malmesbury, the Washington Coat of Arms from the Manor House at Garsdon, and the Coat of Arms from the mural monument to Sir Lawrence Washington in Garsdon Church. A genealogical chart has also been added, in which the descent of George Washington is shown through six generations, also the relationship of the Washingtons buried at Garsdon.

It is interesting to note the changes in the Washington Coat of Arms. First we have the stars and stripes; three red five-pointed stars, and two red stripes or bars upon a white background. Next, this is surmounted by a raven issuing from a ducal coronet. It was in this form that General Washington used it. The illustration on page 6, which is from a photograph of

the stone belonging at the Garsdon Manor House, shows, in addition, stars with rounded points, a crescent, and two Jerusalem crosses, all in gilt. Finally the stag's head of the Lewyn family is added and the raven and coronet omitted, in the Coat of Arms surmounting the mural monument at Garsdon. Mr. Tuffley, the author of the Washington chart and pamphlet before referred to, ventures the suggestion that the ducal coronet may have come from the connection by marriage with the family of the Duke of Buckingham. There would seem to be some reason why the ducal connection—whatever it may have been—was less esteemed by the Washingtons of Garsdon than the connection that had supplied the Jerusalem crosses, round-pointed stars, and crescent. Is there a suggestion of the crusades here? We merely ask the question, and leave it for those who are experts in heraldry to answer.

Since the above was in type, we have received a letter from Dr. Gray, inclosing one from the Heralds College, London, in which this "quartering" is described "gules, a cross flory between four cinque-foils, or," by which we understand, *a red shield, with flowering cross and four cinque-foils in gold.* This, it is said, "appertains to the family of Manning, County Kent, and implies that a Washington married an heiress of Manning." The name Manning does not appear, however, in the genealogy of Lawrence Washington of Garsdon, as supplied by the Heralds College. The first Lawrence Washington had four sons; one was the ancestor of George Washington and another of the Garsdon Washingtons. It is scarcely too much to hope that, as Mr. Tuffley's pamphlet brought to public notice the record of the Garsdon branch, so Dr. Gray's pamphlet may discover the fortunes of the other two sons, and perhaps answer the question in reference to the Coat of Arms.

THE GARSDON BRANCH

OF THE

WASHINGTON FAMILY.

BY THE REV. THOMAS SILL GRAY, D. D.

SO far as it can be ascertained, the following account of the Washington Family has never been given in any of the published sketches of the life of George Washington, the American Hero.

It seems not to be known by the Biographers of Washington that the remains of at least *five* of the family lie buried within the country Church of Garsdon in North Wilts.

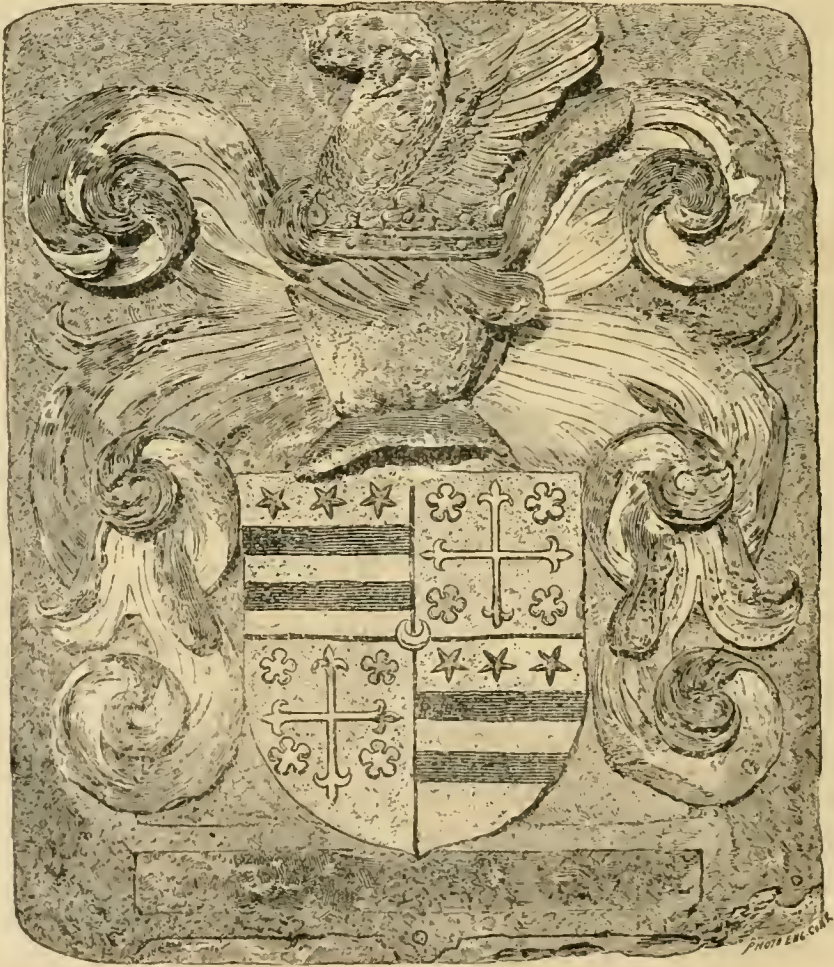
About two miles from the ancient Town of Malmesbury (renowned for its interesting Abbey, which, though for the most part a ruin, is no doubt one of the most valuable archæological relics in England) is the rural Parish of Garsdon. The Church, with its time-worn tower, is prettily situated on the rising ground, and contains a mural monument and three marble slabs, memorials of the Washington Family.

Sir Lawrence Washington, here interred, was the son of Lawrence Washington of Maidstone, grandson of Lawrence Washington, Esq., of Sulgrave in Northants, and cousin* to John Washington, the founder of the American Family, whose great-grandson was George Washington the Patriot.

It is an undoubted fact that this branch of the Washington Family occupied the Manor House at Garsdon, which was then

* As we trace the genealogy, he was cousin to John Washington's father. In a late note from Dr. Gray he takes the same view.—EDITOR.

a noble Mansion, with a magnificent Park; only a very small portion of the House now remains, and is occupied by a farmer. The Washington Coat of Arms was removed from this house thirty years ago, and can now be seen at a farm-house three miles distant. [The following illustration is from a photograph taken at the instance of Dr. Gray, and by him sent to the NEW-YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. The stone, he writes, weighs about one cwt., and is covered with red paint. Underneath this, however, were found the original colors—viz., lines dividing it into quarters, black; pointed stars and bars, red; rounded stars, crosses, and crescent, gilt.—EDITOR.]



The mural monument in Garsdon Church must have been handsome; it is of gilt and painted freestone, with marble

columns of the Corinthian order, but is now very much dilapidated, having been taken down thirty years ago, during the rebuilding of the Chancel, and never replaced.

The inscription, which is on an oval slab of black marble inclosed in a wreath, is as follows :

To the Memory of Sr
LAURENCE WASHINGTON
Kt lately chiefe Register of the
Chauncery of known Pyety of
Charitye exemplarye A louinge
Husband A tender Father A bountifull Master A constant Relieuer of
the Poore and to those of this Parish A
perpetuall Benefactour Whom it pleased
God to take unto his Peace from the fury
of the insuing Warrs Oxon Maij 14^{to} Here
interred 24^{to} Ano. Dni. 1643^o Ætat Suæ 64^o
Where also lyeth Dame Anne his wife who
deceased Junij 13^{to} and was buried 16^{to} Ano
Dni. 1645.

Hic Patrios cineres curauit filius Urna
Condere qui tumulo nunc jacet Ille pius.

The pious Son his Parents here inter'd
Who hath his share in Urne for them prepar'd.

When the present Rector was instituted to the living of Garsdon in 1877, he found to his dismay that this Memorial had been removed from the Church and Parish, without a faculty from the proper authorities, for transport to America. After some little trouble and difficulty, he recovered possession of this ancient Monument, and it now awaits restoration before being reinstated in its former position.

The first of the memorial slabs on the floor of the Chancel is in memory of Sir Lawrence Washington's only son. It bears the following inscription :

Here Lyeth ye Body of LAVRENCE
WASHINGTON Esqr the only Son
of Sr Lavrence Washington who
Departed this life Jan 17 was
Bvried Feb 11 Ano. Dni. 1661 and
Inclosed By Elinor his Wife
April 18 Ano. Dni. 1663
Ætat Suæ 39.

En mercede virum Pensatum muner[a d]igna
Prospicit ille suis diua supesta sibi
Behold how duty well perform'd is paide
His Sire he him here his deerst hath laide.

The second slab is in memory of Sir Lawrence Washington's Daughter, and bears the inscription :

Sacrum Memoriae Annæ Filiae
Lavrentij Washington Eqvitis
Et vxoris Christopheri Gise
Hic Sepvltæ Jvnij 4^{to} An : Do :
1642 Ætat Svæ 20.

The third slab is in memory of the Widow of Lawrence Washington, Esq., afterward Lady Pargiter, and is inscribed as follows :

Here lyes ye body of Dame
ELIENOR PARGITER 2nd Daughter
of Wm. Guise of Elmore in ye
County of Gloucester Esqr
First married to Lawrence
Washington Esq. afterwards
to Sr Wm. Pargiter of Gritt

worth in ye County of North
Hampton Kt. Who departing
this life the 19th Day of July in
the Year of Our Lord 1685
ordered her remains to be
deposited here in hopes of
a blessed Resurrection.

This Lady Pargiter presented to Garsdon Church the year before her decease (1684), a solid silver Communion Service of massive weight, which is pronounced by competent judges to be the most perfect of that date ; it is in an admirable state of preservation. All the pieces (four in number) are engraved with the Sacred Monogram within a halo, including the Cross and Nails.

They are thus inscribed :

“This was given by the Lady Pargiter to Garsdon Church, shee was formerly Wife to Lawrence Washington, Esq., who both lye buried here.”

The Rector of Garsdon is most anxious to restore the Washington Mural Monument, to improve the Church, and also to build a school-room for holding Sunday School, Meetings, Classes, and Parochial Library, &c., there being no room of any kind in the parish available for these purposes. A freehold site has been very generously given by the Earl of Suffolk, who is Lord of the Manor, and a few contributions have been received, but only a *very small* portion of the necessary funds (about £700) can be raised within the parish, which is a very poor one, the population consisting chiefly of the laboring class.

These necessary works would have been undertaken long ago, had it not been essential to rebuild the Church in the adjoining village of Lea, which was in such a dilapidated condition that it had been closed for some years. This has now been accom-

plished at a cost of over £2,000. The collection of so large a sum within a few years renders it the more difficult to obtain money for the necessary work at Garsdon.

Therefore an appeal is made with confidence to the public, especially in America, in hopes that the means will be forthcoming to carry out these undertakings, which will prove a lasting memorial to the revered and honored name of Washington.

It is proposed to call the school "The Washington Memorial School."

Contributions will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by the

REV. THOMAS SILL GRAY, D. D.,
Garsdon Rectory,
Malmesbury,
Wilts.

THE NEW-YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY will undertake to forward any contributions that may be sent to it for the purpose named above. The object is worthy in itself, and worthy in the name it will commemorate.

JOHN WASHINGTON, OF WARTON.

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON, lawyer, of Gray's Inn, London, grantee, from Henry VIII., of Sulgrave Manor, in 1538; twice Mayor of Northampton, as shown by tablets now in Town Hall; brass tablet in church at Sulgrave, erected after his wife's death, in 1564, has spaces for date of his own death, and says he had four sons and seven daughters.

ROBERT WASHINGTON,
With consent of his eldest son and heir, sold Sulgrave in 1610.

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON, of Maidstone, County Kent, Register of H. M. Court of Chancery, died 1619; buried at Maidstone.

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON, eldest son after sale of Sulgrave, with his consent, retired to Brington; died 1616.

Robert Washington, died 1622; memorial tablet in Great Brington Church, Northamptonshire.

Sir LAWRENCE WASHINGTON, purchased Garsdon Manor about 1640; died 1643; buried at Garsdon with wife Anna; mural monument in Garsdon Church. See illustration and inscription, pages 2 and 7.

SIR WILLIAM WASHINGTON, knighted by James I., married half-sister of George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham.

JOHN WASHINGTON, knighted at Newmarket College, Oxford, 1622; emigrated to America 1657; will dated 1675.

Lawrence W., student at Brasenose College, Oxford, 1622; came to America 1657.

Lawrence Washington, buried at Garsdon. Elienor, his wife (afterward wife of Sir William Pargiter), also buried at Garsdon. See p. 8.

Anna Washington, married Christopher Guise; died 1642; buried at Garsdon. See p. 8.

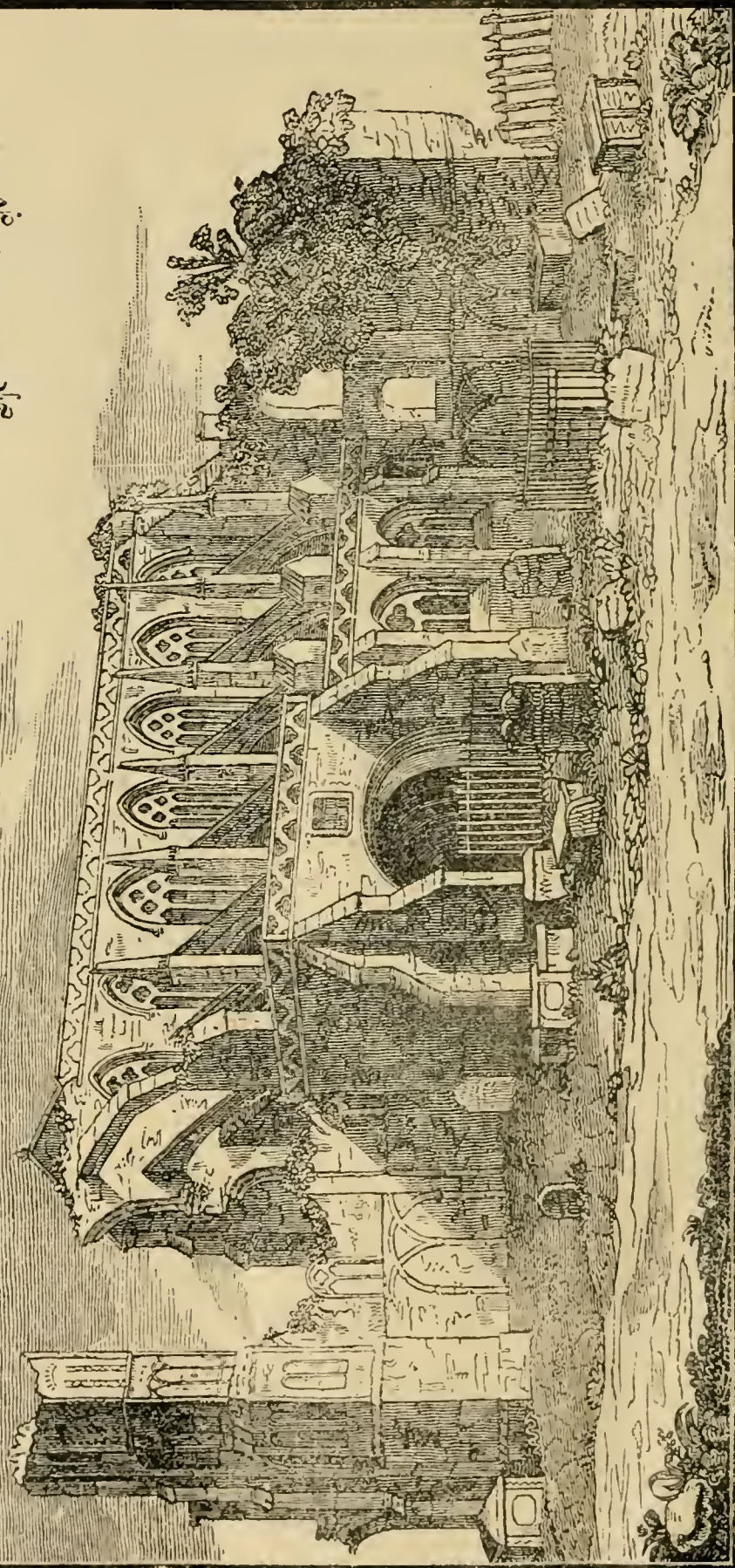
Lawrence Washington, died 1697.

Augustine Washington, died 1743.

George Washington, born Feb. 22, 1732; died Dec. 14, 1799.

Elizabeth, only child, buried at Garsdon. Married Robert, First Earl Ferrers, who held and occupied Garsdon for many years.

Halesbury Abbey.



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III.

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OR,

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